Abstract of the Disclosure

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A control device for preparing redundant data, dividing the data into a plurality of volumes, and distributing and storing volumes in a plurality of storage units scattered through a network includes route management unit and a storage management unit. The route management unit computes an evaluation value indicating the preferability of a use target on each of the scattered storage unit based on the bandwidth, the communications cost, the physical distance between a node requesting a The storage а storage unit. management unit selects a plurality of storage units as the optimum storage set from among the above mentioned scattered storage units based on the evaluation value.